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25X1 1. [ ] Accompanied Messrs. Duckett and Brandwein who briefed Senators Barry Goldwater and Lowell Weicker and staff officers James Gehrig and William Parker, of the Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee, on the Soviet space program. All present were reminded of the security sensitivity of the material presented.

25X1 2. [ ] Called David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, regarding our replies to Senator Symington's letter regarding the reconstitution of his Subcommittee on U. S. Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad. I particularly inquired how State was handling Symington's request that Messrs. Lowenstein and Moose, of his Subcommittee staff, be granted special security clearances. Mr. Abshire said he wasn't sure whether this had been worked out yet within the Department, and asked that we withhold our reply until he could advise us further.

25X1 3. [ ] Mrs. Parker, office of Senator Hiram Fong (R., Hawaii), called concerning an inquiry from a constituent seeking Agency employment. Mrs. Parker sought clarification of the Agency's policy regarding foreign relatives. I informed that foreign relatives, if extensive, could lessen the chances of employment. However, this would be considered as part of the overall assessment of the person's qualifications and eligibility for employment. Mrs. Parker thanked me for the information. Assistance was offered in the preparation of the reply, but she stated she would respond herself.

25X1 4. [ ] Talked to Mr. Wayne Birdsall of the reporting firm Ward and Paul and made the preliminary arrangements for security control of reporter's notes and transcript of the Director's appearance before Senate Foreign Relations Committee on 23 March 1971. See Journal of 10 March 1971.

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Statement for Mr. Gehrig to use 16 March 1971 (Senate Space)

In requesting Mr. Duckett to brief you today we have asked him to base his briefing on all information available to the intelligence community. This involves some extremely sensitive sources which Mr. Duckett may wish to elaborate on for you.

It is most important that this information not be disclosed to anyone without prior authorization, even in meetings of this Committee itself for not all members of the Committee staff are cleared for access to some of the highly sensitive material that will be involved here.

I would only add that the Chairman has made it clear that our continued access to information in these security classifications is based upon complete adherence to the tightest security restrictions.

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Statement for Mr. Duckett to use.

The material which is being presented today includes the most sensitive intelligence information available to this Government. Although neither the United States nor the Soviet Union chooses to openly acknowledge the fact, it is accepted that they both engage in intelligence collection activities which utilize satellite reconnaissance systems, including photoreconnaissance satellites. The sensitivity of this photographic data is based not on the source alone, however. We are reasonably sure that the Soviets do not realize how well the system works and that we are getting such detailed and clear pictures. The continued success of such efforts and the utilization of this highly accurate and sensitive data as a major input to the production of national intelligence can only be achieved by your cooperation in the constant protection of the product and the information presented at briefings such as this.

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